

MEETING SUMMARY
WASHINGTON CLIMATE ADVISORY TEAM (CAT)
Agriculture Technical Work Group
(Ag TWG)

Call #1, May 23, 2007, 10:00am – 11:30am

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members:
Wade Alonzo (along with Pat Ryan), Vicky Carwein (along with Dan Bernardo), Patrick Mazza, Sego Jackson and Christy Bauman (for Aaron Reardon), Craig Smith (for Terry Uhling), Cathy Baker, Tim Crosby, Jim Davis, Dan DeRuyter, John Ewald, Keith Goehner, Chad Kruger, Don Schramm, Sally Sharrard (for Steven Wamback)
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:
Katie Bickel, Steve Roe
3. Washington Ecology (ECY) and Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) Liaisons:
Chery Sullivan
4. Public Attendees: Not identified.

Background documents:

(all posted at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat_twg_agr.htm)

1. Agenda
2. Powerpoint presentation for meeting.
3. Catalog of State Actions on GHG Policy.
4. WestCarb Report 1
5. WestCarb Report 2

Discussion items and key issues:

1. Roll call conducted.
2. CCS reviewed the process for public input. Members of the public will be invited to listen in to calls and were provided with the website address for submitting comments.
3. CCS reviewed the Agenda for the call.
4. CCS provided a review of the Call #1 Summary. No changes were requested.

5. CCS went over the catalog and the methods for identifying priorities for analysis, including the voting process. Ballots with instructions will be sent out to TWG members shortly after the June 5 CAT meeting. TWG members will provide their ballots back to CCS for consolidating into a prioritized list of options for analysis. Prior to the CAT meeting, CCS will fill in the nominal ratings for potential GHG reductions and cost per ton. TWG members will send comments on these rankings to Katie Bickel for verbal communication to the CAT (due to time constraints). The full draft catalog of options will be reviewed and potentially revised by the CAT during their meeting on June 5.
6. CCS and the TWG then reviewed the catalog to verify that all potential options have been included. These included:
 - a. Changes were suggested to the names of options in Group AW-1. Use “woody-based” materials in the title of 1.1; use “wet organic waste” in 1.3;
 - b. Include “other conversion technologies” along with pyrolysis in notes of 1.2.
 - c. The new option 3.2 for Urban/Suburban Soil Carbon Management will be shared with the Transportation & Land Use group, as it might fit better in that group.
 - d. Option 3.4 covering perennial crop systems policies will be added (to address the higher carbon levels associated with these crops).
 - e. Item 3.3 will be divided into 3 options covering ag nutrient management, ag water management, and urban/suburban nutrient management (this item will also be shared with the Transportation/Land Use and RCI TWGs).
 - f. Under option 4.2 (Preserve Open Space/Agricultural Land), there are some recent actions to be incorporated. These will be incorporated by CCS when input received from the TWG.
 - g. Under 5.1 (Reductions In On-Farm Energy Use), energy efficiency programs should be mentioned in the notes.
 - h. TWG requested that 6.1 (Advanced Recycling and Composting) and 6.3 (Source Reduction Strategies) be combined. CCS will combine these into a new 6.1 option.
 - i. TWG requested a new option (6.7) on Establishing Local Reuse, Recycling/Processing and Organics Management Businesses and Facilities.
 - j. The title of 6.6 will be changed to “Divert Organic Waste from Landfill Disposal”.
 - k. CCS will add “Petroleum Coke” to the title of Option 6.5.
 - l. Option 7.4: change “composting” in the notes to “degradation”.
 - m. Add another option 6.8 “Solid Waste Collection Efficiency Improvement” (to reduce transportation-related emissions).
 - n. Change Option 8.3 title to “Install Digesters and Energy Conversion Technology”.

7. A concern was raised about the inability to do all of the due diligence needed during the scheduled TWG calls. CCS responded that TWG calls could be lengthened (this call was extended to get through the entire discussion of the catalog of options).

Next steps and agreements:

1. TWG members should provide information for the “Other Considerations” column of the catalog by Friday at noon.
2. CCS will incorporate the changes noted above and the nominal ratings into the catalog and distribute the catalog to the TWG early next week. TWG members should submit comments on CCS ratings to Katie via email. CCS will verbally report on these concerns to the CAT at the June 5 meeting. Voting on policy option priorities for analysis will occur via email shortly after the CAT meeting. CCS will distribute the results of the voting via email and review these during the next TWG call.
3. The next TWG meeting will be held on June 20, from 10-11:30 a.m.
4. TWG members should let Katie know if they have conflicts with the remaining schedule of calls: July 18, August 22, September 12, October 24, and November 14. All calls are on Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.